

HOUSE No. 676

By Mr. Tobin of Quincy, petition of A. Stephen Tobin relative to the concealment of the death of children and the penalties for the sale or purchase of minor children. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONCEALMENT OF THE DEATH OF CHILDREN AND PENALTIES FOR THE SALE OR PURCHASE OF MINOR CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 272 is hereby amended by striking out
2 Section 22 and inserting in place thereof the following:—
3 Section 22. Whoever conceals the death of a child, so that it
4 cannot be ascertained whether it was born alive or, if born alive,
5 whether it was murdered, shall be punished by imprisonment in
6 the state prison for not more than 5 years or in a house of correc-
7 tion for not more than two and one-half years.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 272 of the General Laws, as so
2 appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after Section 22
3 the following section:—
4 Section 22A. Unless otherwise provided by law, whoever
5 trades, sells or arranges for the sale of a minor child to another
6 person for money or property, real or personal, or anything else of
7 value, or whoever receives such minor child for such payment or
8 thing of value shall be punished by imprisonment in state prison
9 for not more than five years or in a house of correction for not
10 more than two and one-half years.